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1. An oil refinery in Kuibyshev (53-12N, 50-09E) was reported by four PWs, but information on the location of the refinery is conflicting. According to one source, the plant was between the Volga and Samara Rivers, at the point where the two rivers join. Two other sources also reported that the plant was on the Volga River, but one said it was south of the Kuibyshev - Pensa railroad line, about 7 to 8 km west of the Volga River, while the other said it was 7 to 8 km north of the town area proper. The fourth source knew only that there was an airfield a few kilometers away from the refinery. All sources agree that the plant covered an area of 2 to 3 sq km.
2. This refinery was a new plant, whose construction had started at the end of the war. Most of the buildings had been completed by the end of 1945, but only part of the equipment had been installed. Several large furnaces, the foundations of some distillation columns, a machine and boiler house, a large pumping station, a high-pressure installation and a maze of fittings, pipes, and feeder pipes were all that were seen in 1945. Only the tank depot for crude oil and finished products had been completed. There were 20 to 30 tanks, 15 to 20 meters in diameter and 10 to 15 meters high. Plant construction obviously progressed very slowly.
3. The plant was connected with the large twin pipe line coming from the oil fields around the bend in the Volga. It also had a highway connection and many spur tracks, and it was connected with the tanker landing places on the river.
4. All the equipment, including boilers, pressure tanks, fittings, machines, and pumps, were of American origin. Most of it came packed in boxes which frequently still had the original American inscription. Most boxes were stored unpacked. Three American engineers with a staff of about 50 Soviet engineers and technicians were in charge of the technical construction work. *

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